

# The conversion rate of solar modules is lower than that of batteries





## Overview

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What is the conversion rate of a solar cell?

The solar cell, designed at NREL, gets close to a 50% conversion rate, by far surpassing silicon-based solar cells. A US research group has developed a new solar cell based on six photosensitive active layers able to capture sunlight. These new cells could potentially reach a light conversion efficiency of 50%.

How does solar work?

The conversion efficiency of a photovoltaic (PV) cell, or solar cell, is the percentage of the solar energy shining on a PV device that is converted into usable electricity. Improving this conversion efficiency is a key goal of research and helps make PV technologies cost-competitive with conventional sources of energy.

Can a solar cell convert sunlight into electricity?

Not all of the sunlight that reaches a PV cell is converted into electricity. In fact, most of it is lost. Multiple factors in solar cell design play roles in limiting a cell's ability to convert the sunlight it receives. Designing with these factors in mind is how higher efficiencies can be achieved.

How does a solar PV cell work?

Efficiencies are obtained by exposing the cell to a constant, standard level of light while maintaining a constant cell temperature, and measuring the current and voltage that are produced for different load resistances. Learn more about solar PV cells.



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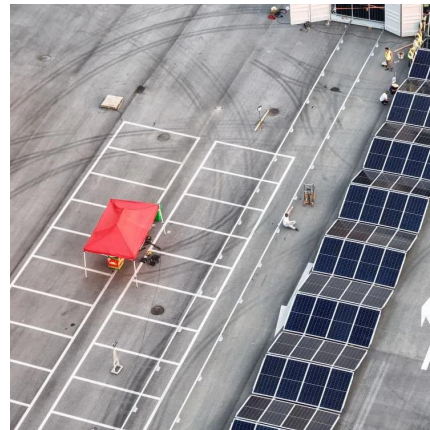


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